

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the southeast and the Mediterranean Sea to the northwest.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

The Iraqi Ground Forces Command (IGFC) officially opened their new Joint Operations Center on May 3. The facility will allow the IGFC to command and control all assigned Iraqi Army forces, and upon assuming complete operational control, to plan and direct counterinsurgency operations.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

On May 9, Iraq's prime minister-designate Al-Maliki reported progress in the formation of a Cabinet for Iraq's new national unity government and said he hoped to complete the process by May 12. Al-Maliki said discussions were still ongoing about who will lead the Oil, Trade and Transportation ministries. He declined to name any of the nominees, saying that should be done when the entire proposed Cabinet is announced. Parliament then must approve it by a simple majority.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Multi-National Force - Iraq released 299 male detainees from Coalition-run Theater Internment Facilities May 7.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

Denmark plans to cut 80 troops from its 530-strong contingent in the southern Iraqi city of Basra as part of a reorganization of its forces in the region. Denmark wants to reduce the number of army troops in Basra, who have been involved in training Iraqi forces among other tasks. At the same time, up to 70 air force staff and a C-130 Hercules transport plane would be sent to Amman, Jordan to assist UN reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

Documents seized during a raid on April 16 in Yussifiyah and released by the US military yesterday indicate that Al Qaida in Iraq is concerned that its forces are unable to secure solid footholds in Baghdad, describing the cells as disorganized and a "daily annoyance."



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Coalition and Iraqi Forces Launch Operation United Front:

- On May 6, a joint US and Iraqi force of 1,300 troops launched an operation in Ameriya, a western Baghdad neighborhood that has been a hotbed of sectarian violence, capturing and arresting terrorist suspects and destroying illicit weapons caches.

Coalition Releases Captured Al Qaida Documents:

- During an April 16 raid in the Yusifiyah area, coalition forces discovered a large quantity of Al Qaida documents and videos, ranging from plans to critiques -- including Al Qaida 's strategy in Baghdad, and how the terrorist organization lacks leadership, military capability and Iraqi support.

Terrorist Chemical Expert Ali Wali Killed:

- Ansar al-Islam member and chemical expert Ali Wali was killed during a counterterrorist raid in the Mansur district of Baghdad on May 6. Ali Wali served as a key leader in Ansar al-Islam's military command and was responsible for training and military operations, including the planning of suicide operations, ambushes and kidnappings. He was also an expert in toxins and poisons, and the implementation of explosives, artillery, tanks, and anti-aircraft weapons.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Iraqi Army Opens New Joint Operations Center:

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348 Iraqis Join Iraqi Police Force during Fallujah Recruiting Drive:

- 348 men volunteered and passed the initial recruit screening during a three-day Iraqi Police recruiting drive in Fallujah. Despite a suicide bomb attack against a screening checkpoint, which killed at least seven civilians and injured eleven, the drive continued, surpassing its goal of 300 recruits.

Iraqi Army Assumes Authority in Sinjar:

- The 3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division assumed the lead in security operations in and around Sinjar in western Ninevah province on May 3.

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) Conduct Operation Lion Hunt in Mosul:

- Nearly 1,500 Iraqi soldiers and police officers recently conducted Operation Lion Hunt in Mosul, providing a strong ISF presence to the city's diverse neighborhoods. The operation was well-received by local residents and detained 36 known or suspected terrorists.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~97,300
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~41,400
TOTAL	~138,700*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~113,600***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~115,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~253,700****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of May 3, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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PM-Designate Maliki's Four-Pillared Initiative:

- Prime Minister-designate Maliki has broadly committed to a four-pillared initiative. The first pillar is to promote reconciliation: There can be no legitimate armed opposition once a permanent government in which Sunni Arab leaders have a vital role is in place. The second pillar is to secure key cities: Iraqi security forces, with Coalition support, will work to secure Baghdad, as well as to plan and initiate similar efforts in nine other key cities such as Ramadi and Basra. The third pillar is to create confidence in security institutions: The new Iraqi government will work to create security institutions, from competent ministers to neighborhood patrolmen, who have the confidence of the Iraqi people. The fourth pillar is to reign in unauthorized military formations: Iraqi leaders, including Prime Minister-designate Maliki and Grand Ayatollah Sistani, have stressed the need for dealing with the problem of unauthorized military formations.

Maliki Optimistic of Cabinet Formation by May 12:

- On May 9, Iraq's Prime Minister-Designate Maliki reported progress in the formation of a Cabinet for Iraq's new national unity government and said he hoped to complete the process by May 12. Maliki said discussions were still ongoing about who will lead the Oil, Trade and Transportation ministries. He declined to name any of the nominees, saying that should be done when the entire proposed Cabinet is announced.

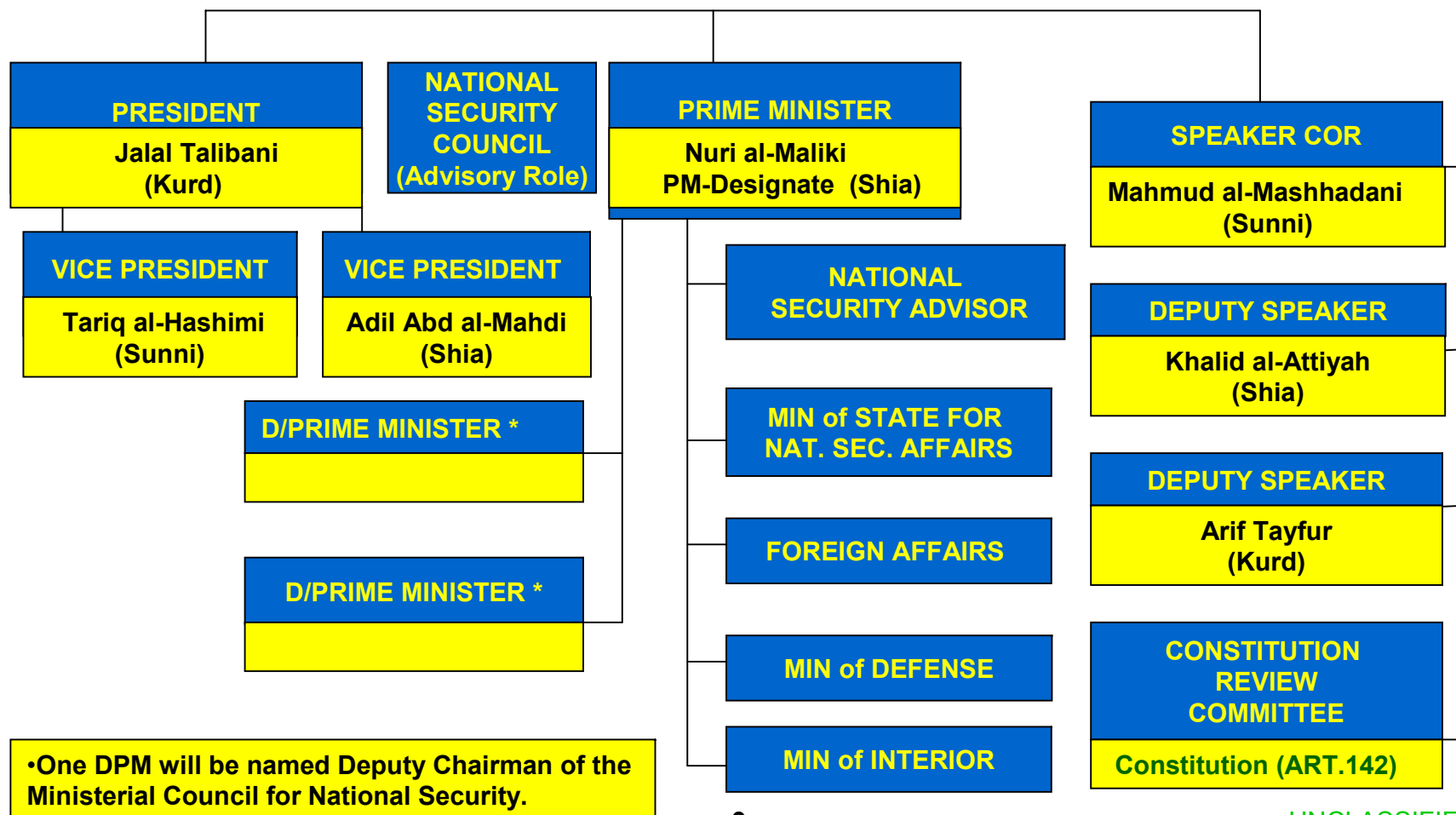


[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government— **Presidency Council & Office of Prime Minister**

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Executive Branch

Legislative Branch





[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

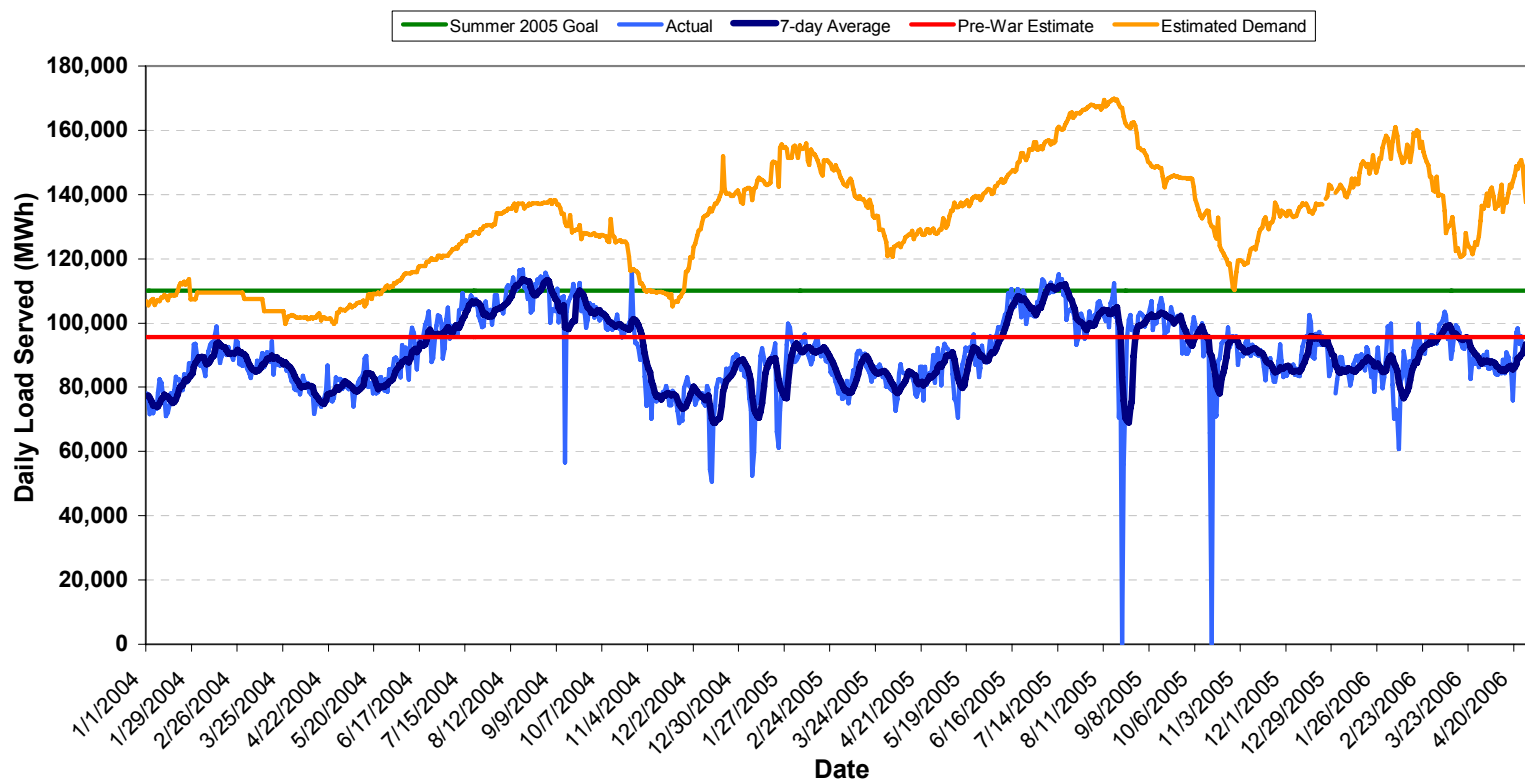
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,036.00	\$5,036.00	\$4,928.03	\$4,927.94	-\$0.09	\$4,896.37	\$4,897.79	\$1.42	\$4,473.31	\$4,490.01	\$16.70
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,029.79	\$4,032.14	\$2.35	\$3,547.16	\$3,547.69	\$0.54	\$2,149.97	\$2,168.91	\$18.94
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,735.60	\$1,735.60	\$1,686.52	\$1,688.65	\$2.13	\$1,567.48	\$1,622.82	\$55.34	\$882.40	\$914.30	\$31.90
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,315.95	\$1,315.95	\$1,219.64	\$1,254.57	\$34.93	\$1,190.49	\$1,212.32	\$21.84	\$831.76	\$835.30	\$3.53
Democracy	\$1,033.85	\$1,033.85	\$983.66	\$983.79	\$0.13	\$983.38	\$983.88	\$0.50	\$712.09	\$721.08	\$8.99
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$354.67	\$354.67	\$0.00	\$353.61	\$353.81	\$0.19	\$266.79	\$267.22	\$0.43
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$319.47	\$319.17	-\$0.30	\$313.21	\$315.27	\$2.06	\$179.70	\$180.16	\$0.46
Health Care	\$739.00	\$739.00	\$718.92	\$719.64	\$0.72	\$676.12	\$673.87	-\$2.25	\$452.47	\$454.04	\$1.57
Transportation and Communications	\$465.51	\$465.51	\$443.43	\$443.99	\$0.57	\$421.41	\$421.96	\$0.55	\$265.18	\$265.99	\$0.81
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$1,834.20	\$1,857.97	\$23.77	\$1,576.62	\$1,585.40	\$8.78	\$991.09	\$1,008.17	\$17.08
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$788.87	\$788.87	\$0.00	\$782.39	\$782.39	\$0.00	\$615.40	\$636.00	\$20.61
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$92.25	\$101.19	\$8.94
Total	\$18,439.00	\$18,439.00	\$17,466.92	\$17,583.83	\$116.91	\$16,467.98	\$16,609.64	\$141.67	\$11,912.41	\$12,042.37	\$129.96
IRRF II Construction			\$10,085.34	\$10,100.53	\$15.19	\$9,320.93	\$9,331.93	\$11.00	\$6,194.65	\$6,274.49	\$79.85
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,397.92	\$6,499.52	\$101.60	\$6,163.67	\$6,293.84	\$130.17	\$5,005.68	\$5,046.81	\$41.13
IRRF II Democracy			\$976.35	\$976.49	\$0.14	\$975.21	\$976.24	\$1.04	\$712.09	\$721.08	\$8.99
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,406.60	\$2,406.60	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,912.30	\$20,912.30	\$19,940.22	\$20,057.13	\$116.91	\$18,941.28	\$19,082.94	\$141.67	\$14,319.01	\$14,448.97	\$129.96

As of May 9, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad decreased in the last week (2-8 May 2006) with an average of 2.9 hours per day. Availability continues to be low due to poor performance by Baghdad area plants.
- Nationwide average electricity availability dropped slightly to 9.7 hours per day. Hours of power outside Baghdad continue to exceed pre-war levels.
- Electricity output since the start of 2006 is 4 percent higher than it was for the same period in 2005.
- The Ministry of Electricity repaired three critical 400 kV transmission lines this week.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Public Health, and Healthcare**

Water and Sanitation:

- On May 2, construction was completed on two US Army water network projects in the Karadah district of Baghdad Province. The \$862,000 Mahalla 969 project created a potable water network that would benefit 10,000 area residents. The \$763,000 Mahalla 960 project required the installation of a water network that would eliminate sewage from the streets, install house connections, fire hydrants, and valve manholes.
- On April 30, construction was completed on the Basheer Water Treatment Unit in Aqr, Wassit Province. The \$25,000 US Army project required the construction of a water treatment facility with an independent and redundant power supply, settling tanks, alum mixers and tanks, a chlorine system, a filter system, and a water storage tank. The water unit provides potable water for a water network that was completed in the fall of 2005. The complete system provides service to 200 Aqr households and is an example of reconstruction that directly benefits local communities.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education and Infrastructure Security**

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Transportation:

- On April 30, construction was nearly completed on the \$6 million Baghdad Central Train Station project. An Iraqi company installed central air conditioning, new windows, generators, and a new entryway. The US Army project also refurbished the station's administrative offices, restaurant, kitchen areas, bank, post office, telegraph office, and ticketing offices.

Education:

- On May 3, the Department of State and Department of Defense launched the Iraqi Virtual Science Library (IVSL). The IVSL provides Iraqi students, scientists, and engineers with access to over 17,000 scientific, environmental, agricultural, medical, engineering, and technical journals. At the outset, the library will be made available to Iraqi universities, research institutions, and select Ministries in order to provide nearly 80 percent of Iraq's scientists, engineers, and students with the critical content necessary to rebuild their country and their educational curriculum.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education and Infrastructure Security**

Communication:

- The Consolidated Fiber Network (CFN) is an extension to the existing Iraq Telephone and Postal Company (ITPC) fiber network that provides command, control and communications for the Ministry of Electricity (MoE) and additional capacity for ITPC. Testing and repairs are now completed at all 200 initially identified locations. Repairs will continue as locations are identified and reported by ITPC. The overall project is 58 percent complete.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending April 28 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$64.37/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$72.14/barrel
 - Kirkuk at \$65.17/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$72.04/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$67.01/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,089	29,944	-3.68%
USAID	63,444	63,307	-0.22%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,158	1,158	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	233	243	4.29%
CERP*	8,958	9,787	0.00%
MNSTC-I	10,906	9,015	-17.34%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	16,262	15,481	-4.80%
GRAND TOTAL	132,050	128,935	-2.36%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

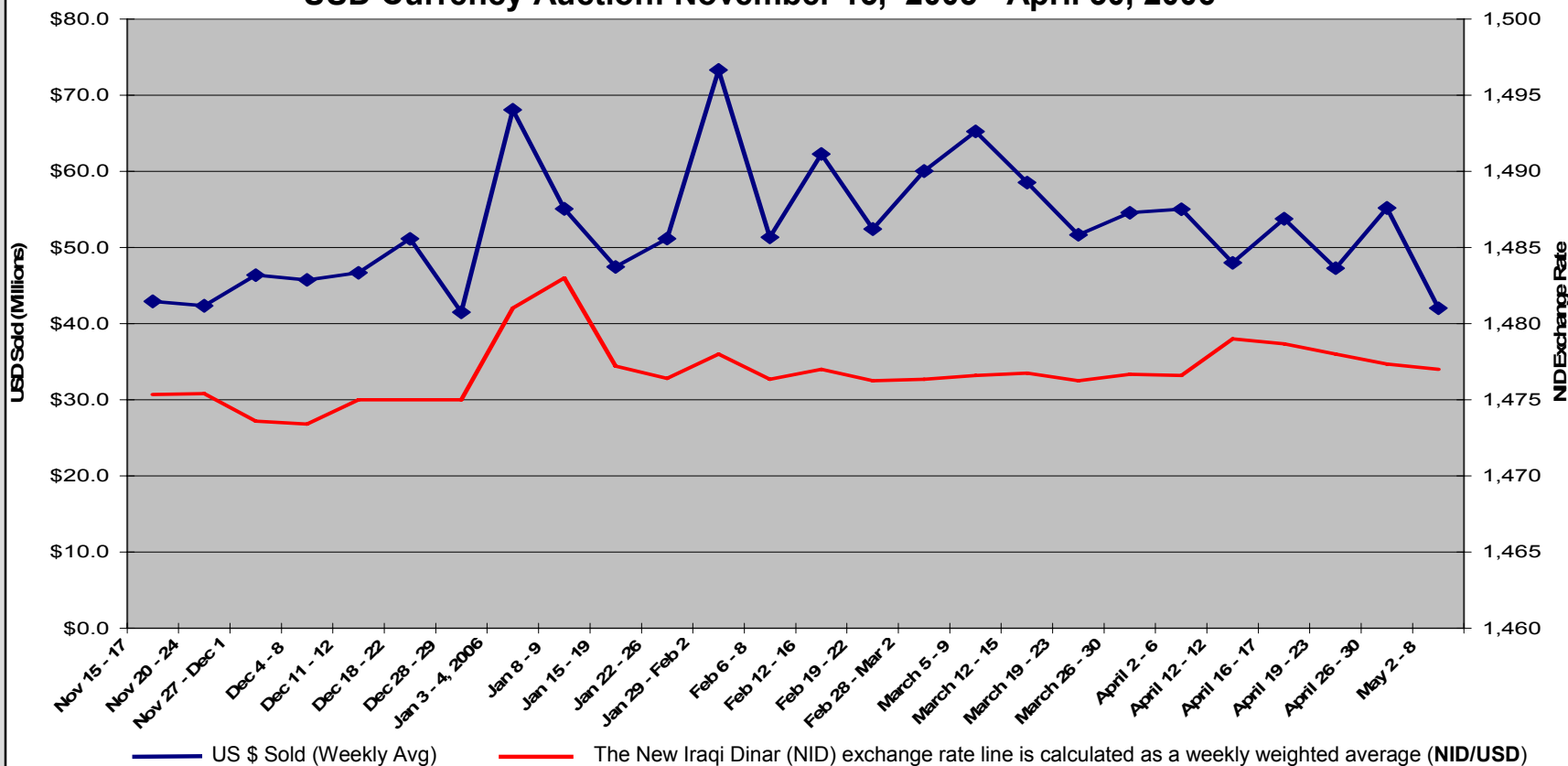


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD on April 30.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 - April 30, 2006





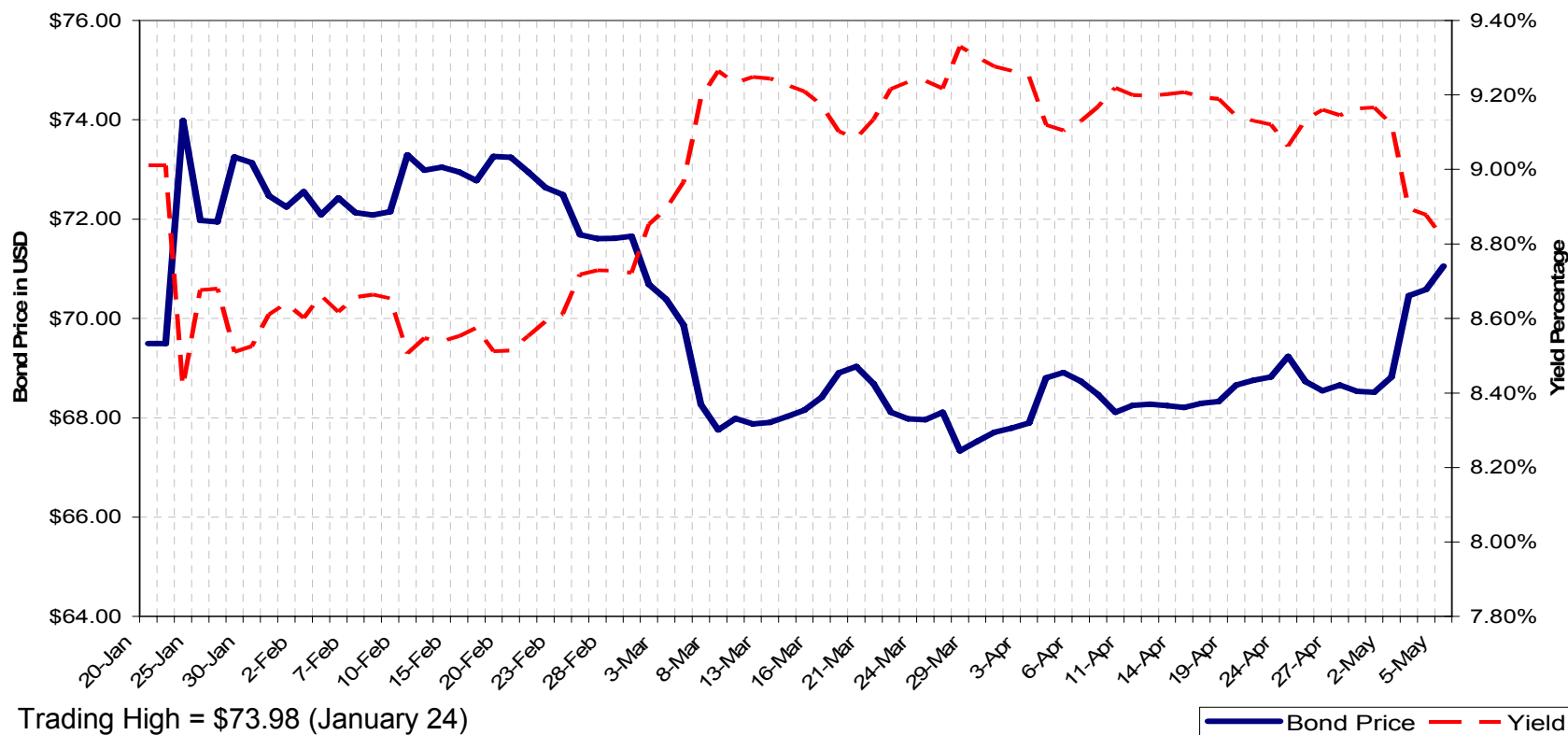
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 8.81 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales

January 20, 2006 - May 5, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$67.34 (March 28)

— Bond Price — Yield



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Private Sector Development

Rebuild Iraq Exhibition and Conference:

- An array of products ranging from heavy machinery and security gear to banking and aviation are on display at the 3rd International Rebuild Iraq 2006 Exhibition in Amman, Jordan from May 8 to 11. The 1,022 exhibitors include companies from at least 17 European countries, as well as the US, Arab and Asian states. The opening ceremony was attended by several Iraqi ministers, officials, and business leaders. Organizers said they expected 20,000 attendees at the four-day event.
- In previous years this event has been very successful in promoting private sector development and foreign direct investment. During the conference foreign investors are “matched” with the Iraqi business community to discuss investment opportunities.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Trade Policy Reform

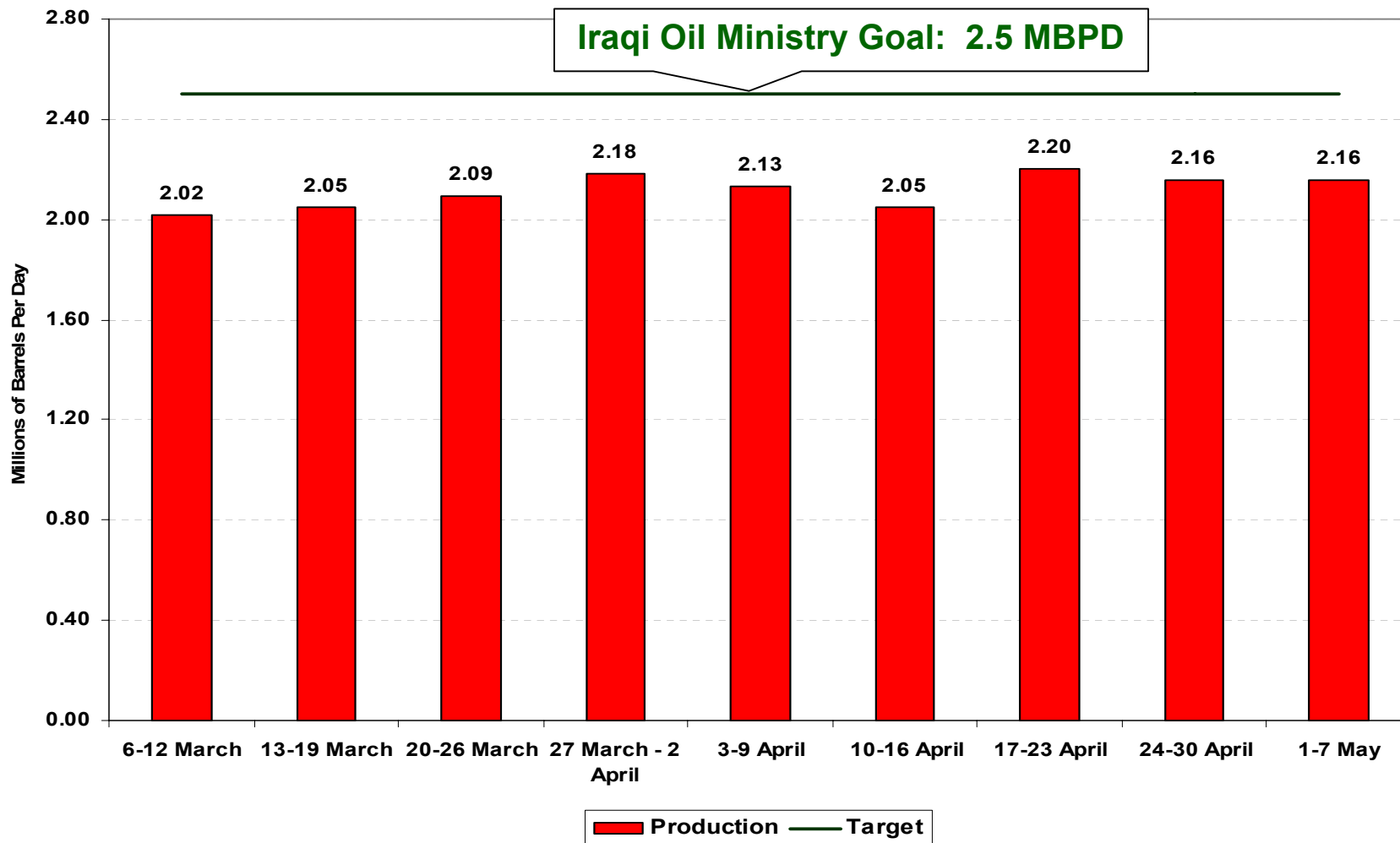
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Draft Copyright Law:

- A new draft Copyright Law was included in Iraq's proposed Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Law, which was submitted in late April 2006 to the Council of Ministers for consideration.
- The Copyright Law was developed by the Copyright Committee of Iraq's Ministry of Culture with the assistance of experts from USAID's IZDIHAR project.
- The Copyright Law aims to protect the rights of authors of literary and artistic works as well as the rights of performers, musicians, computer programmers, and others over their own creations. New IPR legislation would be an important step in Iraq's process of accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- On May 4, Hungary announced the conclusion of a bilateral agreement with Iraq implementing Paris Club terms on Iraq's \$229 million in bilateral debt.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

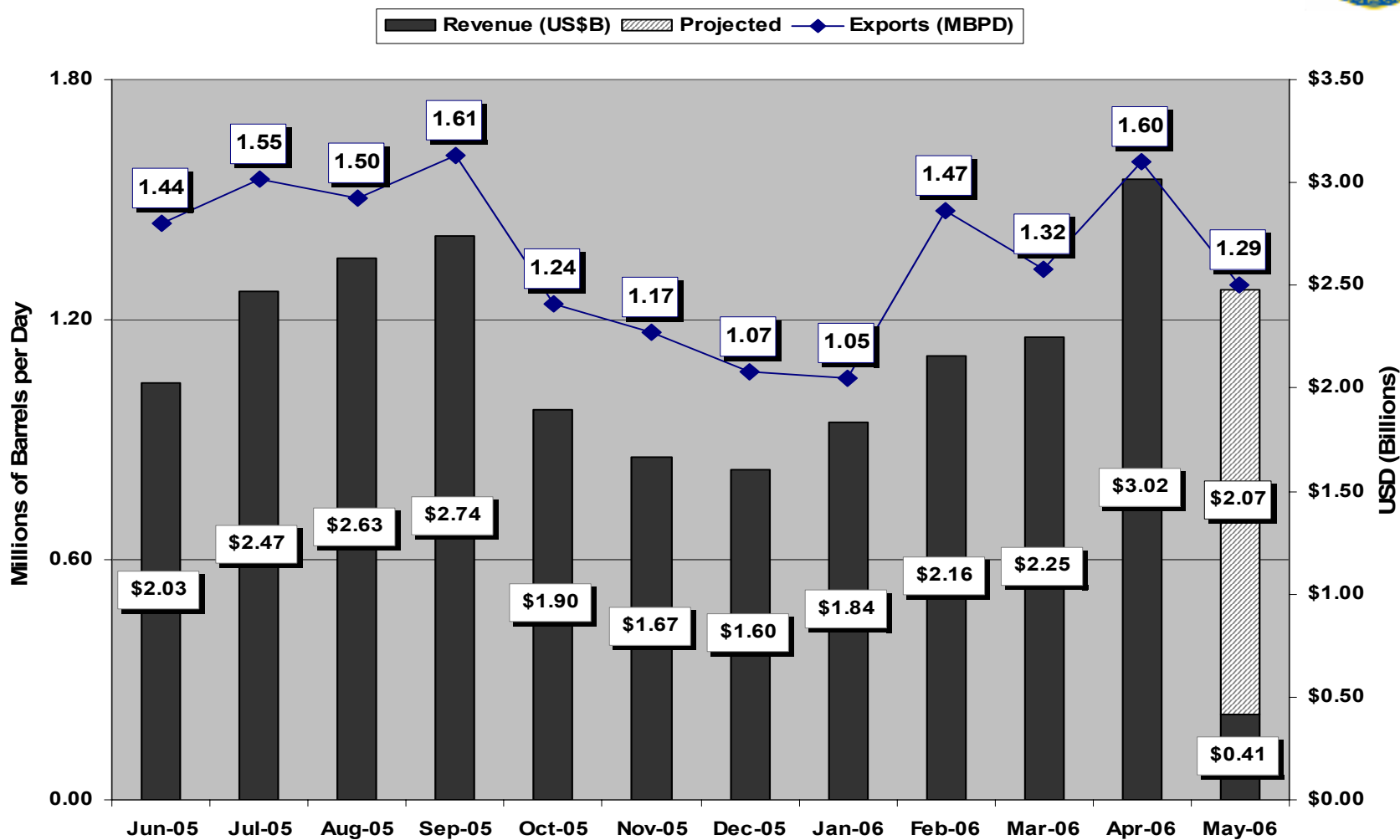
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- Weekly Average (May 1-7) of 2.16 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

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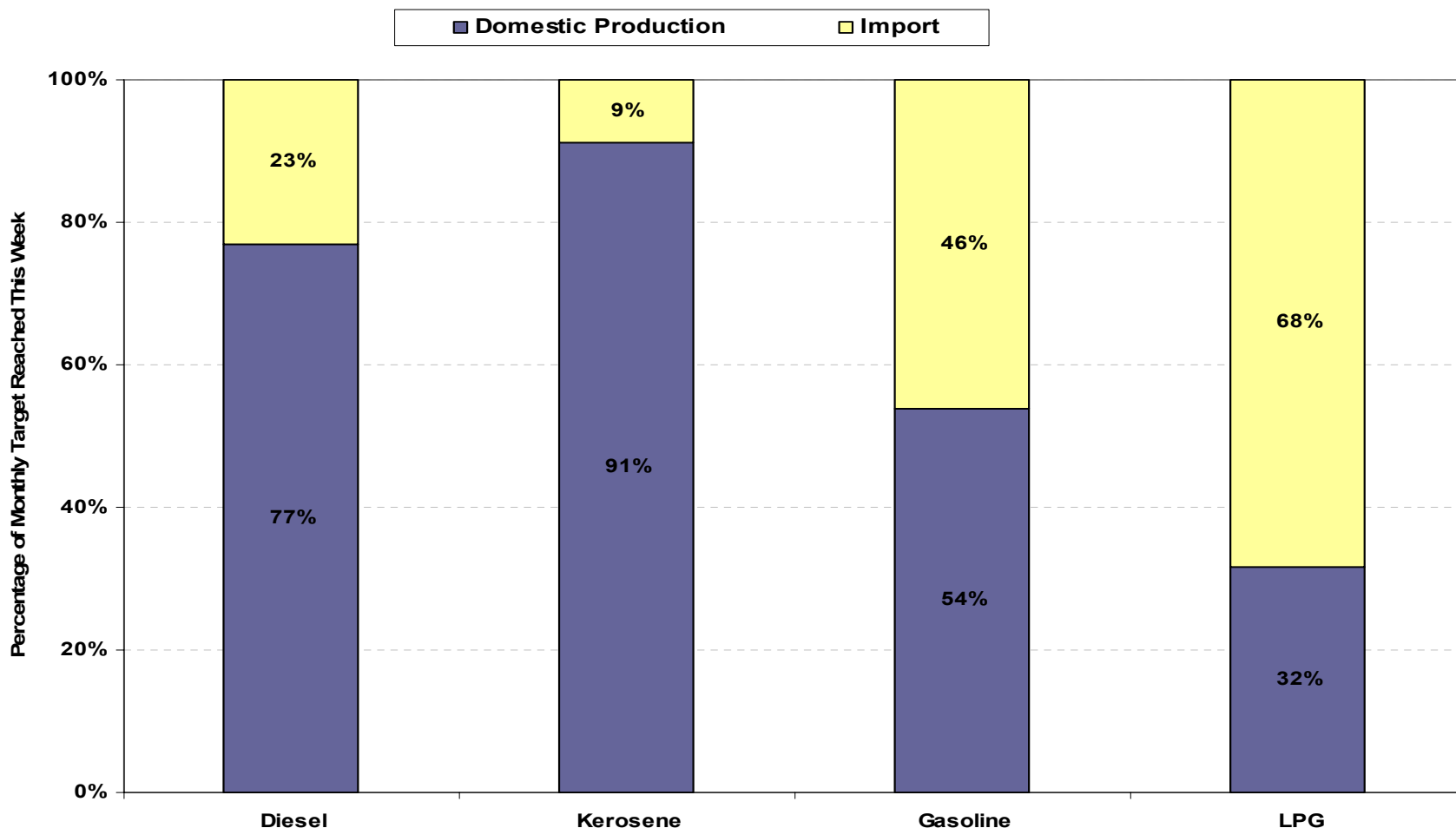


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$9.7 Billion (Year to Date)

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



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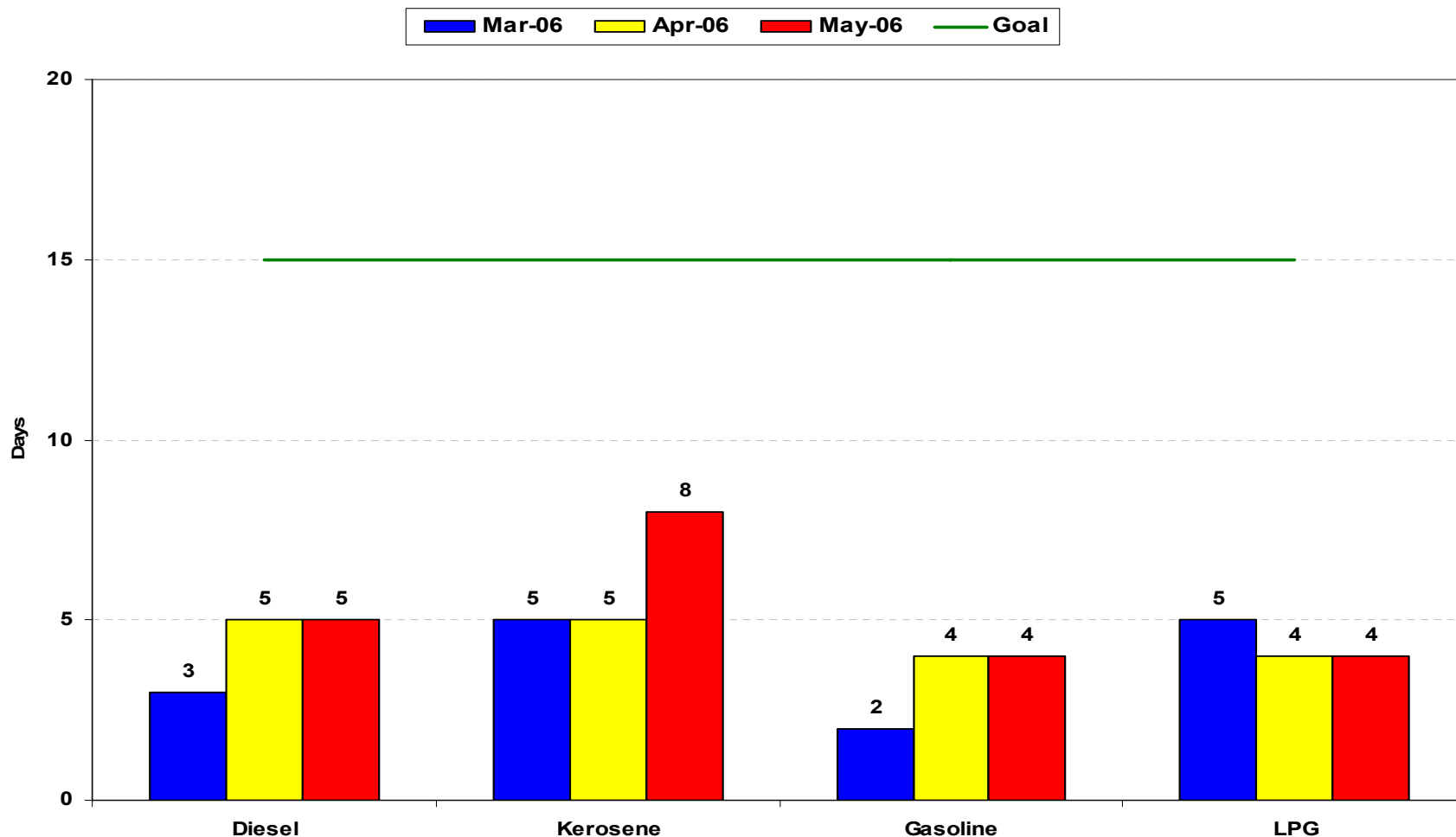


Note: This is a daily average for the week of May 1-7

- Diesel: 14.2 ML supply of 20.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.5 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 17.1 ML supply of 20.5 ML target
- LPG: 2,184 tons supply of 4,500 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand a 15 day supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

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Combined Review and Release Board Releases 299 Detainees:

- Multi-National Force - Iraq released 299 male detainees from Coalition-run Theater Internment Facilities May 7. The Iraqi-led Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB) reviewed their files and recommended release. The CRRB was established in August 2004 and consists of members from the Ministries of Human Rights, Justice and Interior, as well as officers from the Multi-National Forces. To date, the board has reviewed the cases of more than 36,700 detainees, recommending more than 18,750 individuals for release.

250 Kurds Graduate From Correction Officers Course:

- Nearly 250 Kurdish guards graduated from a Kurdish correctional officers course May 7, completing their first step toward assuming day-to-day operations at the Fort Suse Theater Internment Facility. The correctional officers, who were recruited from across northern Iraq, graduated from a five-week training regimen that included classes on a wide array of basic correctional officer duties. From here, the new correctional officers will continue training with their US counterparts who are currently managing the daily operations at Fort Suse .



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Denmark Reorganizes Troop Assignments:

- The Danish Foreign Minister and Defense Minister, on May 5, announced a parliamentary proposal to extend Denmark's deployment to Iraq by 12 months, to July 1, 2007. The ministers also announced Denmark's willingness to provide UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) with a dedicated C-130 aircraft for six months beginning in mid-November 2006.
- Denmark plans to cut 120 troops from its 530-strong contingent in the southern Iraqi city of Basra as part of a reorganization of its forces in the region.

Rebuild Iraq EXPO in Jordan:

- An array of products ranging from heavy machinery, security gear to banking and aviation are on display at the 3rd International Rebuild Iraq 2006 Exhibition in Amman, Jordan from May 8 to 11. Exhibitors include companies from Austria, United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Cyprus, Greece, Luxembourg, Romania, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, and Poland, among other Arab, Asian and US companies. The opening ceremony was attended by a multitude of Iraqi ministers, officials, and business leaders.
- On May 9, Iran's new Ambassador to Iraq officially took up his post in Baghdad, the first from the Islamic republic since 1980.
- South Korea brought 40 troops home May 9 under a plan to scale back its presence in Iraq by one third. Seoul plans to withdraw about 1000 of its 3200-member contingent stationed in northern Iraq by the end of 2006.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of May 3, 2006

28 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Singapore
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal	
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

• Documents seized during a raid on April 16 in Yussifiyah and released by the US military yesterday indicate that Al Qaida in Iraq is concerned that its forces are unable to secure solid footholds in Baghdad, describing the cells as disorganized and a “daily annoyance.” One document released by the US admitted that the Baghdad cells of Al Qaida in Iraq are only capable of “hit and run” operations and conclude that the Shiite majority in the country is powerful and cannot be taken lightly. The documents were released four days after the US military aired clips cut from an Al Qaida in Iraq video showing Abu Musab al-Zarqawi struggling with an American-made machine gun and wearing white American-made tennis shoes. Together, the pieces appear to be apart of a US campaign to deflate the image of Al Qaida in Iraq and Zarqawi.



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – Developments

Strategic Communications:

- At the opening of a four-day reconstruction trade fair in Amman, Jordan, Ambassador Khalilzad encouraged participants to do business with Iraq, saying that “although they are going through difficult times right now, Iraqis are on a path to stabilizing their country – and the United States remains firmly committed to Iraq’s success.” He went on to describe the challenges that Iraq faces but also outlined the factors which could contribute to an economically successful country, saying that “Iraq has all of the elements needed for economic success – great resources, an educated population, a strategic location. The key ingredient that is missing is a political agreement among Iraq’s major political forces that produces the stability and effective governance that are needed to enable an economic take off. It is on that objective that the United States and, I believe, the elected leaders of Iraq are now focused.” The fair, “Rebuilding Iraq,” is aimed at providing international firms a chance to do business with Iraq.



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Anbar province. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

Interested in working in Iraq?

Please visit <http://careers.state.gov/opportunities/iraq/index.html> for a list of available positions



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